

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6629–S6681

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 7–10, 3489–3493, and S. Res. 627–628. **Pages S6664–65**

Measures Reported:

S. 3084, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–389)

S. 2201, to promote international trade, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6663**

Measures Passed:

Iran Sanctions Extension Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 155), Senate passed H.R. 6297, to reauthorize the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

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Anti-Semitism Awareness Act: Senate passed S. 10, to provide for the consideration of a definition of anti-Semitism for the enforcement of Federal anti-discrimination laws concerning education programs or activities.

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Metropolitan Weather Hazards Protection Act: Senate passed S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to study the coverage gaps of the Next Generation Weather Radar of the National Weather Service and to develop a plan for improving radar coverage and hazardous weather detection and forecasting, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Sullivan (for Burr/Cantwell) Amendment No. 5123, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6679–80**

Sullivan (for Burr) Amendment No. 5124, to amend the title. **Page S6680**

Airport Construction and Alteration Reform Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

portation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6014, to allow the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into reimbursable agreements for certain airport projects, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6680**

Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1561, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and the bill was then passed, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6680**

Adopted:

Sullivan (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 5126 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 5125), to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S6680**

Sullivan (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 5125, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6680**

Honoring the Memories of the Law Enforcement Officers in Baton Rouge: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 606, honoring the memories and legacies of the 3 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the attack on July 17, 2016, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, condemning that attack, and recognizing the heroism of law enforcement personnel and first responders, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6680**

Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic: Senate passed S. 3492, to designate the Traverse City VA

Community-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

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National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, designating December 3, 2016, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”.

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Authorizing the Printing of the Senate Rules and Manual: Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual.

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House Messages:

Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5117, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5118 (to Amendment No. 5117), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5119, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5120 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 5119) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5121 (to Amendment No. 5120), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 1, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 5, 2016.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 5, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the message of the House to accompany the bill; and

that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments under rule XXII be at 4 p.m.

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Justice for All Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2577, to protect crime victims’ rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155) **Page S6646**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6681.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,385 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the oversight, acquisition, testing, and employment of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and LCS mission module programs, after receiving testimony from J. Michael Gilmore, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Sean J. Stackley,